

deterrent is necessary—to ensure the mission's success and the peacekeepers' safety.

And once the Council has authorized an operation, everyone—but especially those Council members who voted for it—must pay their share of the cost, promptly and in full.

Only if we approach our work in that spirit, Ladies and Gentlemen, can we dare hope that peacekeeping in the twenty-first century will build on the achievements of the twentieth.

Thank you very much.

HIGH MARKS FOR MAYOR MENINO

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to Mayor Tom Menino of the City of Boston and the extraordinary effort he has made over the past year to bring the Democratic National Convention to Boston in 2000.

Regardless of the outcome of this effort, all of Boston is proud of the brilliant job that Mayor Menino has done in bringing the business community and the neighborhoods of Boston together to make our city one of the most attractive and dynamic cities in the world. Mayor Menino deserves enormous credit for highlighting Boston's great strengths—its diverse heritage, its proud history, its cultural attractions, its convention facilities, its transportation infrastructure, its technological capabilities and its renowned world leadership in education, health care and many other impressive attributes.

Boston has proven itself time and again in recent years in its unique ability to host major national and international events. And thanks in great part to Mayor Menino's outstanding efforts, Boston is in the top rank of cities throughout the world.

An editorial last Friday in the Boston Globe entitled "An A for Menino's Effort" pays eloquent tribute to the Mayor's leadership and achievements, and I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From The Boston Globe, February 19, 1999]

AN A FOR MENINO'S EFFORT

Mayor Menino banged drums, crashed symbols, and sounded trumpets in his attempt to attract the 2000 Democratic National Convention. But in the end the political symphony will take place elsewhere, probably Los Angeles.

Give the mayor credit on this one. Boston suffered from a dearth of hotel rooms, no previous experience with national political conventions, and the huge Central Artery disruption. But Menino brought Boston to the final three among 28 applicants. In the process, he blended the skills of corporate giants, upstart entrepreneurs, local and regional public officials, and technical experts.

BankBoston, Fleet Financial, and Bell Atlantic deserve special recognition for supporting the mayor's efforts when few thought Boston could contend. These partners can be called on again to attract major business and professional meetings to a new convention center.

Boston's bid failed due to conditions beyond its control. California's 54 electoral votes outrank Massachusetts' 12. Equally important, the Democrats need to shore up the West Coast firmly and quickly in order to allocate money and muscle to Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and other key states if they hope to hold the presidency. No amount of showmanship, corporate support, or creativity by Boston's boosters could solve that problem of political calculus.

A frustrated Menino jumped ahead of the DNC when he announced that Boston's bid had failed. The official decision is not expected until early March. That gaffe might disqualify Menino for the department prize. But the mayor's reaction is understandable to all, including the outgoing Democratic national chairman, Steven Grossman.

"Menino threw his heart and soul into this thing," says Grossman, a Newton businessman. "That's what leadership is all about."

The mayor exhausted his political and inner resources in this unsuccessful bid of the convention. But he energized Boston in the process.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, February 23, 1999, the federal debt stood at \$5,619,947,525,857.17 (Five trillion, six hundred nineteen billion, nine hundred forty-seven million, five hundred twenty-five thousand, eight hundred fifty-seven dollars and seventeen cents).

One year ago, February 23, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,519,493,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred nineteen billion, four hundred ninety-three million).

Five years ago, February 23, 1994, the federal debt stood at \$4,541,171,000,000 (Four trillion, five hundred forty-one billion, one hundred seventy-one million).

Ten years ago, February 23, 1989, the federal debt stood at \$2,722,096,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred twenty-two billion, ninety-six million).

Fifteen years ago, February 23, 1984, the federal debt stood at \$1,455,152,000,000 (One trillion, four hundred fifty-five billion, one hundred fifty-two million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,164,795,525,857.17 (Four trillion, one hundred sixty-four billion, seven hundred ninety-five million, five hundred twenty-five thousand, eight hundred fifty-seven dollars and seventeen cents) during the past 15 years.

30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Pastor Jack and Anna Hayford as they celebrate 30 years of service to The Church On The Way in Van Nuys, California. It is with great honor and distinction that I commend the Hayfords for their long and outstanding service to their congregation and people of faith throughout

this nation and literally around the world.

Pastor Jack and Anna have been faithful teachers of God's Word, inspiring millions in their relationship with God. Their personal sacrifices over the past 30 years of service are exemplified by their relentless pursuit to minister to others. Pastor Jack has helped bring pastors and church leaders together at new levels of unity. His tireless and selfless pursuit to build bridges within the Body of Christ across racial divisions is to be commended.

Anna Hayford, a wife and mother, serves as a role-model to women in ministry on how to balance the duties of home and church and the demands of marriage and family. She is a faithful source of strength and encouragement to many through her teaching and counseling ministry.

Over the past 30 years, the Hayfords have been on a mission to bring understanding, repentance, and healing to the pain that has separated black and white churches in America. As our nation looks increasingly for guidance in this period of moral decay, the Hayfords provide a spiritual path for others to follow.

I wish Pastor Jack and Anna Hayford a memorable celebration of their commitment to the redemptive mission of Christ. May God bless them and protect them in their future endeavors.

DRAFT Y2K LIABILITY LEGISLATION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, the Senior Senator from Washington state, SLADE GORTON, and I have committed to working on legislation to address liability issues arising out of Y2K problems. To this end, I introduced S. 96. As Senator GORTON and I agreed before the bill was filed, we have been listening to concerns and views of the varied constituencies interested in limiting wasteful litigation and encouraging prevention and timely remediation of Y2K problems. I am very pleased that today we are offering into the record a revised working draft for additional input and discussion.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, the Y2K problem should not be underestimated. Before the session began, Senator MCCAIN and I committed to working on legislation that will allow entities to focus their efforts on remediation and prevent unproductive litigation. We have solicited and obtained input from sources representing both potential plaintiffs and potential defendants in Y2K actions. We want to continue listening and working on this issue, but do not have much time—the countdown had begun. The draft measure that we are putting on the record today reflects principally the measure proposed by a large coalition of business groups including the Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers,